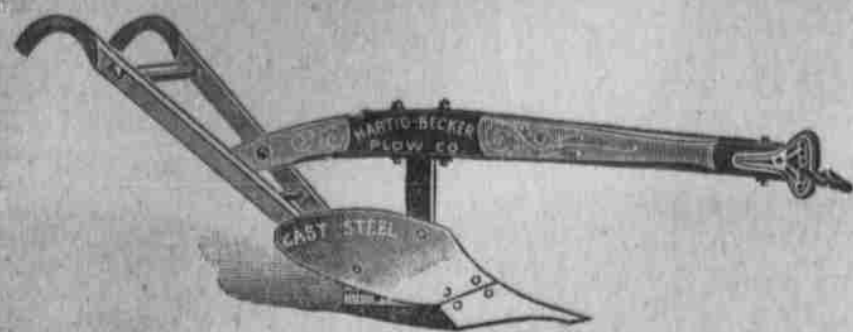


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CLEVERNESS OF SPARROWS.

How One Was Imprisoned and the Manner of His Release.

A careless colored cook of the house adjoining mine had spilled some raw rice, perhaps a quart or more, in the back of my neighbor's premises. In order to hide her carelessness from her mistress, and so save herself the trouble of picking up the rice, the resourceful cook simply turned an empty box over the little pile, thus putting it out of sight, and went her way rejoicing.

Presently a bevy of sparrows chanced that way and took possession of my neighbor's back yard. Ere long an adventurous one of the number discovered a convenient knothole in the overturned box, poked his inquisitive little head therein, and forthwith spread the news of the nice find. Then things were pretty lively thereabouts. First one and then another of the birds would pop down through the hole, to bob up a few moments later with his craw full of rice. They were all mighty gay over the matter, and most of them made two or three trips inside before they were satisfied.

By and by something seemed to have gone wrong. The birds flattered and chirped and chattered in an agitated manner, crowding upon and about the box so thickly that it was some time before I could see that one little brown head kept bobbing up frantically through the knothole from under the side and getting no further. Some greedy little fellow had laid in an oversupply, and so made himself too big for an exit through the hole.

The case really seemed a pitiful one, as nothing but time and the slow process of nature could relieve the poor prisoner of his predicament. At least that is what I thought, and I marvelled that so clever a creature as a sparrow should get himself into a hole. Meantime I had forgotten to reckon upon the ingenuity of the birds on the outside of the hole. They lost no time in bringing this qualification in evidence, however, for pretty soon I discovered that they had set to work to dig the little prisoner out. Having selected the most vulnerable spot of the surrounding ground, first one and then another of the birds would scratch and peck away, each one taking his turn, and working energetically till by and by a hole was made big enough for even the overloaded fellow on the inside to creep through.—Philadelphia Times.

SONGS THAT ARE POPULAR.

Charles K. Harris, the Composer, Talks of His Work.

The other day while in Chicago I met young Charles K. Harris, who composed "After the Ball," a song that netted him over \$100,000 in one year's time. Harris is a shrewd young fellow and publishes his own songs and his catalogue shows that he has composed, published and has on the market 51 songs. He is less than 30 years old and has made an independent fortune the past three years. He made a rather funny statement about his business. "Songs of the higher sentimental order," he said, "do not sell any more. If you will take up my list of songs you will find that I have written none on the subject of mother or grandmother. Composing songs at the present day is just like writing a play. I usually hunt up a good title, weave a story around that and have it as descriptive as possible. For the past two years it has been the fad to have songs composed about erring women. It can't be helped, people seem to want that style of songs, and if the composer is smart he will give it to them. Look at the enormous success of "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me" and "She May Have Seen Better Days," and also of my "There'll Come a Time," which are all on that subject. I do not know whether the people are getting depraved or not, but that seems to be the style of songs they want. It sometimes makes me tired to compose a song of that kind as I would rather write something on the higher order, as for instance, "Queen of My Heart," one of the prettiest waltz ballads I have ever written, but only goes fairly well, while "I Love Her Just the Same," a song dealing with an erring wife, is beginning to sell very big." Here is confession that's worth a passing notice.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Why of It.

"Perfidious woman!" he hissed, through his clenched teeth.

"Oh, why do you speak thus?" she faltered.

"Thou well knowest!"

Such was probably the fact.

Almost anybody could see his teeth did not fit very well and had to be kept clenched if they were to be hissed through with any degree of comfort.—Detroit Journal.

No Clocks in Liberia.

Neither clock nor timepiece is to be found in Liberia. The reckoning of time is made entirely by the movement and position of the sun, which rises at six a. m., almost to the minute, all the year round, and at noon is vertically overhead.

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Henry Havemeyer, the sugar king, was acquitted.

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Ohio Silver Republicans met in convention.

To cure a chill: When the lips begin to quiver and turn blue, and before the first chilly shivering sensation comes on take a full dose of R. C. Hardwick's Peppermint Chill Tonic. It is stimulating. It warms the blood. It promotes the circulation of the blood. It will prevent the chill nine times in ten. It is guaranteed to prevent the chill ten times in ten if taken four hours before chill time. □

George Sage, a nephew of Russell Sage died in an Illinois poor house.

Mr. James Perdue, an old soldier residing at Monroe, Mich., was severely afflicted with rheumatism but received prompt relief from pain by using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "At times my back would ache so badly that I could hardly raise up. If I had not gotten relief I would not be here to write these few lines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done me a great deal of good and I feel very thankful for it." For sale by R. C. Hardwick Druggist.

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Nor is he alone of the race in his empire; Ethiopia is simply ruled by Jews—not the Jews one sees as a rule in the east, but by authentic Hebrews, the official descendants of the escort of 12,000 which Solomon's solicitude provided for the Menelik of 3,000 years ago, when that favorite son of his, having finished his studies in the temple, set out to join the queen, his mother. A new Judea was founded thus after the death of Makeda. Menelik originated the Solomonian dynasty of Ethiopian emperors, and Jerusalem became the center of pious pilgrimages for the people. Two important immigrations took place—during the first captivity, namely, and during the reign of Salmanassar, the exiles getting rapidly acclimatized and absorbed in the bulk of the Ethiopian nation. A last exodus followed after the destruction of the temple; but, strangely enough, this batch of exiles remained without the sphere of action or influence of their African countrymen. Through all these centuries they have kept the proud nickname of Pallazias—exiles; they live in ghettos built by themselves in the province of Samen; they are exempt from military duty; they disdain trade, metal working being their only occupation, and they have remained faithful to their ancient creed.—London Standard.

KRAG-JORGENSEN BULLETS.

Effect on Human Bones Fired at Various Distances.

An interesting experiment has been made at Kansas City with the Krag-Jorgensen rifle to ascertain the effect of its bullets on human bones. The test was made under the direction of Dr. J. D. Griffith, ex-surgeon general of the Missouri state militia. It has been the belief of the army officers and military surgeons that the 30-caliber steel-jacketed bullet which the Krag-Jorgensen rifle shoots would either kill a soldier instantly or leave a wound which would enable him to fight on without knowing for a long time that he had been injured.

This theory has apparently been dissipated. A human head and several lower limbs of human cadavers were used. The targets were placed in front of a high embankment. Dr. W. T. Stark and Gen. Milton Moore, of the state militia, were the sharpshooters. The shooting began at a range of 500 yards, and over 200 rounds were fired at various distances.

One of the first bullets fired struck the head just above the nose at a range of 500 yards. The skull was shattered as if it had been an egg shell, and the bullet buried itself in the embankment, where it was dug out later as bright and perfect as when it was placed in the rifle. Other bullets pierced the skull and splintered the bone in radiating lines. The bullets also tore the bones of the legs into splinters.

According to the opinion of those present, the test showed that at any distance under 1,000 yards the rifle throws a missile which rends human flesh, disintegrates human organs and tears and shatters human bones into fragments. Beyond 1,000 yards—and the gun will carry three miles and kill—the bullet bores a small round hole through bone or tissue.

Dr. Griffith will prepare the shattered bones for exhibition, and will make a report of the tests to the National Association of Military Surgeons, of which he is a member.

The report will be forwarded to the war department.—Washington Post.

How She Caught Him.

Gwendoline—I just can't understand why Mr. Fudleigh is so taken with Sue Dollyer. She never had an admirer before in her life.

Beatrice—Oh, didn't you hear? When they were introduced she asked him whether his folks were still living in England, or whether they had settled in America, too.—Cleveland Leader.

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